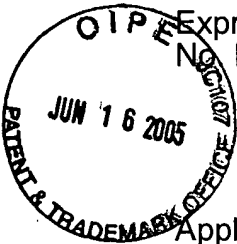


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Examiner Mary Ceperley

June 16, 2005

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed May 18, 2005, please replace the response filed May 12, 2005 with the response herein. In this current response and amendment, please accept the following corrected sections for Amendment to the Specification and Amendment to the Claims. No substantive changes have been made to these amendments originally presented as Amendment A.